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Steps for Prom Planning

Single and ready to mingle

By Ava Self '17

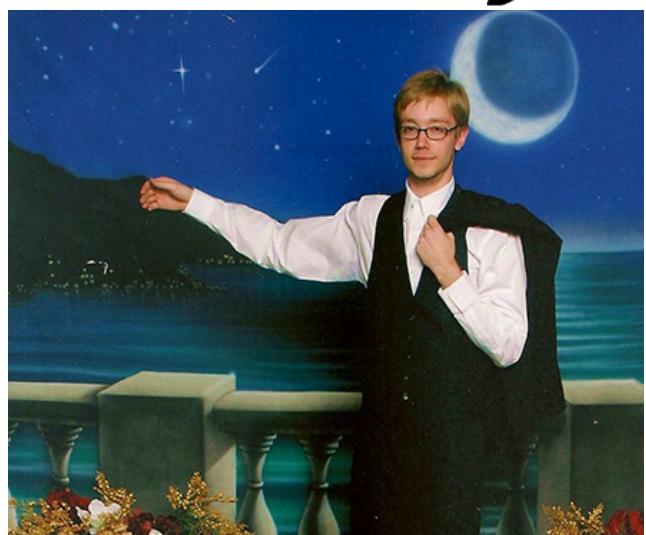
In the spring, more than just the flowers are blooming. As prom looms ever so closely in the distance, many girls find themselves engulfed in budding relationships, certain they have found "the one." As new love blossoms, girls are swamped with candy, gifts and elaborate "promposals" that are sure to win their affection. However, some of us have a more difficult time locating that perfect Prince Charming to sweep us off our feet. While fellow classmates covertly whisper about the boys swooning over them, those of us "single ladies" stand awkwardly alone hoping that one day, maybe, we will have stories of our own to share.

Being single can be tricky, especially during prom season, as others interpret your single status as an open invitation to suggest who would be your perfect plus one. Your

mother is positive she has found you the "ideal man" who, in her opinion, "isn't even that bad looking." Your friends, who have already locked in their dates for the dance, enjoy playing matchmaker and trying to pair you up with one of their date's "super chill friends." Even your younger brother seems to have a say on the subject, recommending his picks for your future Mr. Right.

What's a single gal to do? Curl up with a pint of ice cream and watch "The Notebook," hoping that Ryan Gosling will miraculously show up and be your prom date? Attend every LaSalle and Prep sports game possible and hope you catch the eye of some boy in attendance? Wonder if you are the only girl your age contemplating joining eHarmony or Christian Mingle? Accept that you are just fated to be alone?

As the prom rapidly approaches, just remember: there's no shame in being single and looking to mingle.



Going single to prom can be stylish! This handsome, young prince shows off his imaginary date.



A young prince sweeps his maiden off her feet with this regal propposal.

Promposals ignite rage

By Jenna Yesenosky '17

Oh, the public promposal. A modern day declaration of love in the form of a poster board. Maybe I'm exaggerating, but to me, getting a public promposal sounds about as fun as slamming my finger in a car door.

A boy standing outside of a school, surprising his date with flowers and a poorly drawn sign is the literal definition of guerrilla warfare. Not to mention the fact that it's public. Like, everyone-in-the-vicinity-has-to-watch public. The boy asks his date the most important question any 17 year old will hear this century, and she has to pretend like she's not noticing that 20 pairs of teary eyes are watching from (not very) afar.

And the puns. The only way to make a bad thing worse is by adding puns. I do not care how good of a play on words it is, puns are *never* funny. Never. Granted, some of them are clever, but they'll never be recognized as laugh-worthy. Puns are a bit of a promposal scapegoat. Don't know your date that well? Tell him a joke! A really corny, obnoxious joke.

Puns might be bad, but the *other* kind of promposal is

worse. The mushy, loving, extremely sentimental kind. The common misconception with promposals is that cliché-er is better, which couldn't be further from the truth. Are we in an '80s rom-com? Next thing I know, I'm going to be rudely awakened by the sounds of music coming from a boombox outside of my window. Maybe it's my love for Shake Shack speaking, but I prefer cheese on my burgers, not my promposals, thank you very much.

I think the thing I hate most about promposals is that I'm not getting one. Yes, I hate them. Yes, they're ridiculously melodramatic. But what kind of teenage girl would I be if I didn't absolutely want one?

We all grumble about how we hate surprises, and that puns are terrible, but we all secretly hope that every time that guy we like asks us to hang out, he'll have a way to ask us a question so spectacular that it makes all of our misconceptions about prom go away. After all, how do we know we hate promposals until we've had one?

Makeup by MK Giarrocco '15

By Caroline Savage '17

MaryKate Giarrocco '15 may be small in stature, but she has big plans for the future.

Giarrocco, a freshman business major at St. Joseph's University, started her own makeup business this year and has developed a clientele of high school and college students.

Her makeovers allow an alternative for girls who want to get their makeup done for special events, like prom, without having to pay an outrageous amount of money for the process.

"Ever since I was a little girl, my mom has instilled in me all my beauty knowledge and encouraged my love for makeup," said Giarrocco, who began doing her friends' and older sisters' hair and makeup when she was 12 years old.

With the encouragement of friends, Giarrocco created her own YouTube channel with the goal of demonstrating her talents.

"I use my channel to give others advice and tricks on the newest and oldest glam tricks," she said. "YouTube has taught me a lot of makeup and beauty tricks that I have made my own and taught to other people," added the

diminutive Giarrocco.

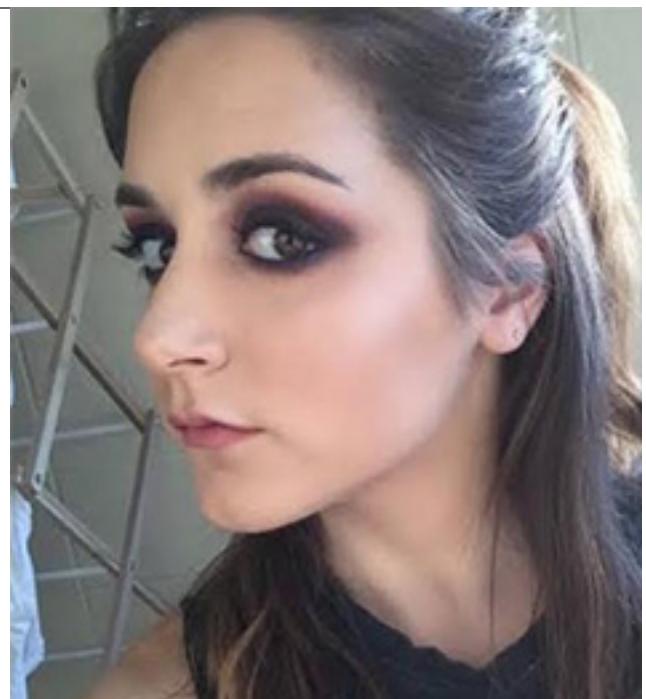
Giarrocco began watching beauty videos at 9 years old to develop her skills and add different techniques to her repertoire. Makeup artist Jaclyn Hill is her favorite.

"She is beautiful, funny, and knows everything she is talking about when it comes to glam."

MK's channel ([mkbeauty333](#)) gives tutorials, such as smokey eyes, contouring and curls, and provides simple tricks to make your entire look flawless. She started to receive hundreds of views and soon moved her hobby into a profitable job.

The mount alum has also made a Facebook page ([MK-Beauty](#)) to further promote her talents. This page answers requests on how to achieve a certain look and provide a step by step tutorial that is easy to follow.

With prom around the corner, the pressure is higher than ever to have the perfect look, and MaryKate is here to relieve some of the stress. You can contact her through email at mkgiarrocco3@gmail.com or on Instagram at [mkgiarrocco](#).



MK Giarrocco '15 demonstrates her knack for eye makeup on her YouTube channel.